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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim 65, but reversed rejection against claim 10 dependent thereon. The independent claim and rejected dependent claims are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a **ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD** from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED.** Failure to comply will result in cancellation of the dependent claims and the application will be allowed with claims 40 and 68-73. **Prosecution is otherwise closed.**

2. The amendment filed 8/11/2006 after a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is not entered because prosecution is closed and the proposed amendment was not suggested in an explicit statement by the Board under 37 CFR 41.50(c). As provided in 37 CFR 1.198, prosecution of the proceeding before the primary examiner will not be reopened or reconsidered by the primary examiner after a final decision of the Board except under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination) or 37 CFR 41.50 without the written authority of the Director, and then only for the consideration of matters not already adjudicated, sufficient cause being shown.

Applicant attempted to add new independent claim 84. Claim 84 is not obviously allowable and cannot be entered. For example, claim 84 contains limitations to a three-sided mower instead of a four-sided mower as is recited in all of the allowed independent claims.

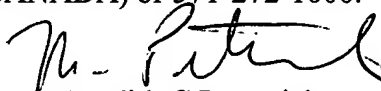
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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meredith C. Petravick whose telephone number is 571-272-6995.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas B. Will can be reached on 571-272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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